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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, XF  
SUBJECT: LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM CHAIRMAN OF  
THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

REF: A) USUN 1150  
B) USUN 1133  
C) USUN A-113

1. LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM CHAIRMAN FALL (SENEGAL)  
OF THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WAS RECEIVED APRIL 19.  
LETTER REFERS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
REMARKS ON A HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND TO THE  
US PERM REP'S (SCRANTON'S) STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 23, 1976  
WHICH MADE REFERENCE TO "PALESTINIAN INTERESTS AND ASPIRA-  
TIONS." LETTER CONCLUDES BY REQUESTING US OFFICIAL POSITION  
ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE. SIMILAR LETTER, VARYING THE  
CITATIONS FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS, WERE ALSO SENT TO UK,  
FRENCH, FRG, CANADIAN AND ISRAELI PERM REPS.

2. FRG AND UK MISSIONS HAVE RECOMMENDED TO FOREIGN OFFICERS  
THAT THEY REPLY WITH BRIEF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RESTATING THEIR  
GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
AND NOTING THAT THEIR OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
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SPEAKS FOR THEMSELVES (UK), AND ANY STATEMENTS ON  
PALESTINE WOULD BE MADE IN APPROPRIATE FORA SUCH AS THE  
SC OR GA (FRG). FRENCH MISSION INDICATED THEY THEY  
BELIEVE QUAI WILL WANT TO MAKE RESPONSE, WHILE  
CANADIANS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED LETTER. CANADIANS  
POINTED OUT THAT THEY DECIDED AGAINST A REPLY TO  
EARLIER COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN FALL SENT THROUGH

THE SYG IN FEBRUARY (USUN A-113). ISRAELI MISSION  
INFORMED US THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO REPLY.

3. RECOMMENDATION: USUN CANNOT RECALL OUR HAVING  
REPLIED DIRECTLY TO CHAIRMAN FALL'S LETTERS IN THE  
PAST; SUCH COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO US  
AND OTHER UN MEMBER STATES THROUGH A COVERING NOTE FROM  
THE SYG AND WE HAVE REPLIED TO THE SYG. HOWEVER, A  
BRIEF REPLY TO THE CHAIRMAN IN THIS INSTANCE ALONG  
THE LINES OF THE EUROPEAN RESPONSES WOULD SERVE TO  
RECORD AGAIN OUR GENERAL OPPOSITION TO THE COMMITTEE  
AND TO DEMONSTRATE OUR RESISTANCE TO BE PULLED INTO  
RATHER TRANSPARENT GAMBIT OF BUILDING PALESTINIAN CASE.  
EGYPTIANS REPORTEDLY INSPIRED LETTER NOTION IN ORDER TO  
PROVIDE SOURCE MATERIAL FOR FUTURE UN RESES, SETTLEMENTS.  
FURTHER BY ANSWERING LETTER HOWEVER CURLY WE AVIOD CHARGE  
THAT USG IS ACTING DISCOURTEOUSLY TOWARD COMMITTEE BY  
IGNORING FALL'S LETTER. (WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
DIFFICULT TO DISSUADE THE EUROPEANS FROM SENDING  
REPLIES, WHILE CANADIANS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE CUE DROM  
US.) IN ADDITION, ARAB NATIONS WHO OF COURSE DO  
ATTACH SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS COMMITTEE, WOULD VIEW TO  
CERTAIN EXTENT OUR FAILURE TO RESPOND AS DISRESPECTFUL  
OF ARAB INTERESTS.

4. TEXT OF LETTER: QUOTE

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,  
J'AI L'HONNEUR DE PORTER A VOTRE CONNAISSANCE QUE  
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LE 15 AVRIL 1977 LE COMITE POUR L'EXERCICE DES DROITS  
INALIENABLES DU PEUPLE PALESTINIEN A TENU UNE  
REUNION LORS DE LAQUELLE SES MEMBRES ONT NOTE CERTAINES  
DECLARATIONS CONCERNANT LA POSITION OFFICIELLE DE VOTRE  
GOUVERNMENT SUR LA QUESTION DE PALESTINE ET L'INSTAURATION  
D'UNE PAIX JUSTE ET DURABLE AN MOYEN-ORIENT. A CETTE  
EGARD, ON S'EST PARTICULIEREMENT REFERE A LA DECLARATION  
FAITE PAR LE PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE, SON  
EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR JIMMY CARTER, A CLINTON LE 16 MARS  
1977, DANS LAQUELLE IL AVAIT NOTAMMENT DECLARA:

"IL FAUT QU'IL Y AIT UNE PATRIE (HOMELAND) POUR LES  
REFUGIES PALESTINIENS QUI ONT SOUFFERT PENDANT  
TANT D'ANNEESS."

L'ATTENTION DES MEMBRES DU COMITE A ETE AUSSI ATTIREE  
SUR LA DECLARATION FAITE LA 23 NOVEMBER 1976, AU NOM  
DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE, A LA PLENIERE DE L'ASSEMBLEE  
GENERALE DE L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES, ET PART-  
ICULIEREMENT SUR LES AFFIRMATIONS SUIVANTES Y CONTENUES:  
"QU'IL FAILLE, DANS L'ELABORATION D'UN REGLEMENT

POUR LE MOYEN-ORIENT, TENIR COMPTE DES ASPIRATIONS ET DES  
INTERETS LEGITIMES DU PEUPLE PALESTINIEN, C'EST LA  
UNE VERITE PREMIERE. CEST SANS AUCUN DOUTE L'UNE  
DES QUESTIONS CRUCIALES QU'IL FAUT RESOUDRE, PAR  
VOIE DE NEGOCIATION, POUR OBTENIR UNE PAIX JUSTE ET DURABLE,  
OBJECTIF QUI EST LE NOTRE A TOUT LE MOYEN-ORIENT."

EN MA QUALITE DE PRESIDENT DU COMITE POUR  
L'EXERCICE DES DROITS INALIENABLE DU PEUPLE PALESTINIEN,  
J'AI ETE SOLICITE DE VOUS PRIER DE BIEN VOULOIR ME  
COMMUNIQUER TOUTE INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTAIRE DONT VOUS  
POURRIEZ DISPOSER CONCERNANT LA POSITION OFFICIELLE ACTUELLE DU GOUVERNEMENT  
DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE SUR LA QUESTION DE PALESTINE.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR, MES  
ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE  
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